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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to commencing substantive examination of the above-captioned continuation application, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), please cancel claims 2, 6, 11-14 and 40-62, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 3-10, 15-39, 63, and 65 by rewriting them as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A An inhalable powder pharmaceutical composition comprising:
- (a) an anticholinergic tiotropium salt; and
 - (b) a steroid, and
 - (c) optionally together with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient selected from the group consisting of glucose, arabinose, lactose, saccharose, and maltose;
- the anticholinergic wherein the tiotropium salt and the steroid are optionally in the form of their enantiomers, mixtures of their enantiomers, their racemates, their solvates, or their hydrates.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)